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SUMMARY: GOP HAS INSTRUCTED PAK DELEGATION ATTENDING

CURRENT MEETING OF UN AD HOC COMMITTEE ON INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE TO POINT OUT THAT INDIAN NUCLEAR TEST HAS CREATED NEW SITUATION AND THAT OTHER INDIAN OCEAN POWERS ARE ENTITLED TO COUNTERMEASURES. GOI SPOKESMAN

ALSO CRITICIZED INDIA'S ONE-SIDED ATTITUDE TOWARD NAVAL PRESENCE OF GREAT POWERS IN INDIAN OCEAN. END SUMMARY.

1. GOP IS CONTINUING ITS VIGOROUS DIPLOMATIC CAMPAIGN IN WAKE OF INDIAN NUCLEAR EXPLOSION (REFTEL) WITH CALL FOR REVISION OF 1971 UN DECLARATION ON INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE (IOZP) PAK PRESS JUNE 4 CARRIED FOREIGN MINISTRY SPEKESMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW "INSTRUCTIONS" SENT TO GOP DELEGATION ATTENDING CURRENT UN AD HOC COMMITTEE ON IOZP.

2. SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT GOP HAD VOTED FOR 1971 IOZP DECLARATION IN UNGA AND IN 1972 HAD STRESSED NEED TO WORK SIMULTANEOUSLY FOR ELIMINATION OF GREAT POWER PRESENCE IN INDIAN OCEAN AND FOR "SEMBLANCE OF BALANCE BETWEEN MILITARY AND NAVAL STRENGTHS OF LITTORAL COUNTRIES". HE COMPLAINED THAT INDIA HAD ATTEMPTED TO FOCUS ATTENTION OF REGIONAL STATES EXCLUSIVELY ON QUESTION OF ELIMINATING MILITARY PRESENCE OF THE GREAT POWERS FROM INDIAN OCEAN AND EVEN HERE HAD BEEN SELECTIVE, CONCENTRATING ON DENOUNCING US PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP DIEGO GARCIA WHILE IGNORING "OTHER DEVELOPMENTS". MEANWHILE, INDIANS WERE BUILDING UP OWN FORCES AND HAD BECOME PROBABLY LARGEST NAVAL POWER IN THE REGION.

3. ACCORDING SPOKESMAN, PAK DEL ATTENDING CURRENT IOZP COMMITTEE MEETING IN NEW YORK HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO EMPHASIZE THAT INDIA'S ACQUISITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS CAPABILITY HAD FURTHER AGGRAVATED STRATEGIC IMBALANCE OF REGION AND TO ASSERT THAT NON-NUCLEAR STATES OF INDIAN OCEAN REGION "CANNOT BE REALISTICALLY EXPECTED TO RULE OUT OPTION OF ASSURING THEIR SECURITY THROUGH SOME COUNTERVAILING MEASURES" SUCH AS DEVELOPING THEIR OWN NUCLEAR WEAPONS OR OBTAINING SECURITY GUARANTEES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BY ONE OR MORE GREAT PWERS. SPEKESMAN ALSO SUGGESTED THAT INDIAN CREDIBILITY WOULD BE ENHANCED IF DELHI DENIALS OF INTENT TO PRODUCE NUCLEAR WEAPONS WERE MATCHED BY STRICT INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISION AND SAFEGUARDS

FOR ALL INDIAN NUCLEAR FACILITIES.

4. COMMENT: GOP CONTINUES TO USE WORLD FORUMS TO SEEK SUPPORT OF GREAT POWERS AND PERSUADED HIGH WORLD COUNTRIES, ON THIS OCCASION THE 15-MEMBER INDIAN OCEAN COMMITTEE, TO OPPOSE INDIA'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM. WIDE PUBLICITY GIVEN THESE GOP INITIATIVES SEEMS DESIGNED BOTH TO EMPHASIZE TO INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY PAKISTAN'S CONCERN AND TO REASSURE PAK PUBLIC.

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